

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION III

## 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029 JUL 1 2 2016

The Honorable Patrick J. Toomey United States Senator 1150 South Cedar Crest Boulevard Suite 101 Allentown, Pennsylvania 18103

Dear Senator Toomey:

Thank you for your June 2, 2016 letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on behalf of your constituent, (b) (6) concerning illegal dumping of fill material, trash, and debris in wetlands located on a property along the William Penn Highway, The Village of Mexico, indicated that these wetlands are along Doe Run which flows to the Juniata River.

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) regulates the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S., and requires that such activities receive a federal permit. The CWA Section 404 program is jointly administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and EPA. The Corps administers the day-to-day program including issuing permits, enforces permit conditions and regulates unpermitted activities in waters of the U.S. EPA's role in the CWA Section 404 process is reviewing and commenting on permit applications to ensure that the project will comply with the CWA Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines and enforcing provisions of Section 404.

EPA has forwarded (b) (6) concerns with the property in question to Ms. Brittany Sequin of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, Carlisle Field Office. We recommend (b) (6) also follow up with Ms. Sequin directly. She can be contacted by phone at 717-249-8730, and her office is located at 401 East Louther Street, Suite #205, Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact Ms. Kinshasa Brown, EPA's Pennsylvania Liaison, at 215-814-5404.

Sincerely,

Shawn M. Garvin

Regional Administrator

cc: Ms. Brittany Sequin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers